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Title: ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD FOR TESTING INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (amended) The arrangement as olaimed in claim 3, wherein a test pattern counter (14; 28) is provided which counts a clock signal and supplies the counting result to the bit flipping controller (6; 27) and/or the masking logic circuit (13; 29).

## REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims were made solely to